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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

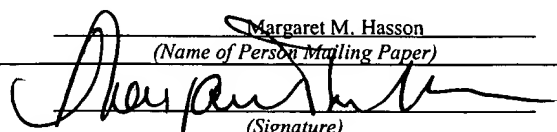
Sir:

In supplemental response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 (no listed Paper Number) and further in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 27, 2003, indicating that "a complete listing of all of the claims was not present" in the Response filed October 14, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments to application and claims as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page three of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page six of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <u>December 29, 2003</u> , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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